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## GOVERNOR ISSUES THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

### Thanksgiving Day Proclamation

BY THE GOVERNOR

THE WAR CLOUDS of the world lower darkly and the future appears dim and uncertain in the eastern hemisphere. No one can foretell what the harvest of death may finally bring forth.

In the sunshine of our own State of New Mexico the future is illuminated by our present prosperous conditions. In all lines of industry the past year has shown great advancement. In education and the things that make life better and of more worth we have made remarkable progress. Our blessings have been manifold and our disadvantages largely the imaginings of minds ill at ease, distorted by malice or warped by the prejudice of preconceived notions not in accord with the actual facts and conditions:

THEREFORE, I WILLIAM C. McDONALD, Governor of

the State of New Mexico, do hereby designate

THURSDAY, the 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1915, as THANKSGIVING DAY

May our hearts bow in unison with our heads on the altar of a peaceful, happy state and nation in praise and thankfulness to an all-wise Providence. May the spirit of good cheer pervade the homes of all and impress those blessed with plenty that it is better to give than to receive, so that the homes of the poor and unfortunate may be made glad by the kind thoughtfulness of their more prosperous brothers and sisters.

Done at the Executive Office this, the 12th Day of November, 1915. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico.

WILLIAM C. McDONALD.

Attested: ANTONIO LUCERO, Secretary of State.

### Thanksgiving Poem

(BY MRS. IDA Y. MONTIETH)

We thank Thee dear Lord  
That we can in Union meet  
To worship in this house of Thine  
And at Thy Mercy Seat,  
While o'er the world the conflicts rage  
In wars that never cease.  
We thank Thee that our beautiful land  
Remained neutral and at peace;  
We thank Thee that our beloved President  
Who by his executive ability  
Proved worthy to rule our land.  
And for all those in authority  
In our own little city so fair,  
May they by noble jurisdiction  
Prove worthy of the executive chair.  
We thank Thee that thy once did call  
"Thy Twelve" their faithful watch to keep;  
And we ask Thee to bless Thy ministers here  
With power to guard their sheep;  
Keep those in the fold safe within  
And bring back those who have strayed to sin.  
We thank Thee for those personal lives  
Whom Thy love has blessed.  
That they today may do their part  
To bring others to Thy breast.  
We thank Thee for the children  
These little ones of Thine.  
Who come to brighten our pathways  
Like Messengers divine;  
We thank Thee for the blessings  
Thou has laid at our door;  
And for the hope to meet in Heaven,  
The loved ones gone before.  
Although life must have its trials,  
We know that Thou are near  
To hide us O'er each dark war,  
And that our prayers Thou'll hear.  
Make us worthy Lord to walk  
Where the Saints of old have trod,  
And show by the nobility of our lives,  
Our Christian love for God.

### Thanksgiving

The toil of the summer is over, the crops have been garnered, and it is right and proper now that we should stop for a few moments and turn our thoughts, and render our thanks to the great giver of every good and perfect gift, for bounties we enjoy and the general prosperity of the country. We would be very indignant should any one accuse us of being ungrateful for the favors accorded us; but there is a law of nature that decrees that if man will not use a faculty or power, he shall not retain it, and the spirit of thankfulness is not exercised as much as it should be. In this excited and feverish race of life, we simply snatch its many blessings without stopping to think of the source from whence they came, and we are slowly, but surely losing this principle of gratitude, and as the general prosperity increases, we are withdrawing more and more into the little circle of self. As we become more and more independent of each other, we become more and more selfish, exacting and ungrateful not only toward the Lord but toward each other. But let Thanksgiving day remind us that we should be grateful; and gratitude, like other human principles, comes to us by cultivation; either from pressure of circumstances or from self-imposed discipline. But in these prosperous times, few of us take the trouble to impose much self discipline, or to cultivate the noble principle of thankfulness, but give full rein to all the selfish instincts of the animal nature, and especially to the greed for money getting; and out of this state of affairs grew all the strikes of the home and country; all the strikes and convulsions arising from the contentions between anarchy, which attempts to extort that which is not freely given, and the only remedy that we see for this festering state of affairs is some awful calamity, which shall wring from us the fragrance of human sympathy, or some tremendous impulse that will cause the people to put a check upon the selfish propensities and compel us to acknowledge our mutual dependence upon each other as well as upon the Lord of Heaven. So, welcome to Thanksgiving Day, and let us learn a lesson of gratitude which shall bring us, instead of a curse, a blessing from our universal prosperity.

## ELKS CARNIVAL IN FULL SWING THIS WEEK

### Elks' Carnival Week

Yesterday, today and tomorrow the big Elks' Carnival will be in full swing. Never before in the history of Clovis has anything of the kind of such magnitude been attempted. The attractions at the big 100 foot square auditorium would be a credit to a city many times larger than Clovis. A visitor from a neighboring town that is supposed to compare favorably in size with Clovis, was heard to remark that his town could never get up anything that would equal it. His excuse was that the business men lacked the progressiveness shown by the Clovis merchants. Apparently no effort has been spared both by the merchants and the

lodge in making this a Carnival well worth seeing. Hundreds packed the building last night and looked with wonder on the attractive booths, the majority of which cost much money, time and effort. Lack of time and space prevents us at this time from giving mention to each display, but suffice it to say that they are a credit to each and every participant. Those assembled were entertained last night by members of the Arlington Company with some specialties and a dance held sway until midnight. Tonight there will be a masquerade which it is expected will attract a large crowd and on the final night, a large number of visitors from nearby towns is expected to overtax the capacity of the building.

### Railroad News

The shop apprentices have organized a football team and have several games matched.

G. M. Hamilton, official photographer, was in Clovis recently taking pictures for the magazine.

Lewis Monroe, Emory and Emmette Boyle and Carl Cook are new apprentices in the shops at Clovis.

Ross Pixley, chief clerk to Superintendent Evans, has returned from a two weeks vacation spent in Kansas.

J. H. Andes has been transferred from Topeka to Clovis as tool room foreman, vice John Gibson, transferred to Topeka.

Machinist apprentice, Lester Wilson, who was injured several weeks ago by being thrown from a horse, is on the job again.

F. E. Slaton, Ensel A. Hall and Earnest A. Kuhn finished their apprenticeship during October and are now full fledged machinists.

E. E. Bundy, maintenance clerk in the superintendent's office, has resigned. He will go to Colorado to engage in the hotel business.

Olen J. (Red) Faulkner, chief clerk to the trainmaster at Winslow, spent a day in Clovis visiting old friends. "Red" was formerly chief dispatcher's clerk at Clovis.

Graduate Machinist Apprentice, Laura B. Johnson has been selected from the southern district as one of the graduate apprentices to be sent by the company to the Baldwin Locomotive Works for special training in locomotive construction. He served his entire apprenticeship at Clovis.

W. J. Stuart, chief clerk to the master mechanic, left last month for a bear hunt in the wilds of New Mexico. He took with him enough guns, knives and ammunition to keep a Mexican revolution busy for some time, and as no word has been received from him, we take it that he is too busy leading the bears (by fifty yards) into camp.

Later.—Mr. Stuart has just returned and reports having heard of two bears and seen four deer. He bagged one silver-tipped squirrel. The hide is now on exhibition in the master

mechanic's office. — Santa Fe Magazine.

The shop apprentice football team were defeated by the Portales High School team Saturday to the tune of 29 to 7.

Passenger Conductor, Fitzpatrick, and wife have returned to Clovis after an absence of several months during which time Mr. Fitzpatrick was on the Pecos Valley south end run. He has been given his old run west to Albuquerque.

### Woman's Missionary Meeting

The second annual open meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of M. E. Church South was held at the evening service November 14.

The society had the preceding week observed the week of prayer and self denial as outlined by the Woman's Missionary Council of M. E. Church South.

The study for the week being the Home Missionary work among the Orientals on the Pacific Coast and the importance of Japan as a foreign field.

The pastor had preached a stirring Missionary sermon at the morning service and the Missionary program rendered at the evening service by the Women of the Missionary Society was a fitting climax to the week's study and prayer services.

The Society is indebted to the choir for well chosen and well rendered music, a duett by Mr. Seder and Mrs. Skarda being especially enjoyed.

A general survey of the Woman's Missionary Council was given by Mrs. Carroon.

The work being done among the Orientals on the Pacific coast was given by Mrs. Seder.

Miss Jennings, who is a missionary to China, home for a visit, was present and gave a talk on "China as I see it."

"What our Society needs" was ably handled by Mrs. Austin.

Mrs. W. G. Nutter gave a reading.

Mrs. Childers talked on "Giving."

At the close of the program an offering of \$10.00 was received.

### The Turkey

A turkey that is hatched from an egg is of few days and full of trouble.

He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down, he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

As for the hen turkey, her days are as grass, as a flower of the field, so she flourisheth. In the morning she is a live and clucketh, in the evening she is cast into the oven.

Even so it is with the gobbler. Today he plumeeth himself; he strutteth abroad and draggeth his wing on the ground as if one should say, "Aha." Tomorrow he falleth a prey to the carver; his flesh is parted asunder and his bones are distributed among the spoilers.

In his pride he eateth corn and waxeth fat, saying to himself, "all things are made for my enjoyment." When his fall cometh there is none who remembereth the day of his triumph, and all men mock him.

The hen turkey thinketh in secret she will raise a young brood, and layeth eggs; but when she is served upon a platter the eater lays to, and she passeth away.

The young turkeys, even the little ones, in the spring, hide themselves in the stubble and strive against the wind and storm, for life is sweet to little turkeys.

But when they become big and fat, and the voice of Thanksgiving is heard in the land, suddenly their clucking ceaseth and they become a part of the people.

### Santa Fe Fireman Hurt

Las Vegas, N. M. 13.—Fred L. Jones, a Santa Fe railroad fireman, who was hit over the head with a pick handle by J. R. Clevenger, a Santa Fe locomotive engineer, is in a serious condition and may not recover. His skull was fractured, and he is suffering from concussion of the brain. Clevenger is under arrest and the district attorney is awaiting the result of Jones' injuries before filing information.

The assault occurred at the Santa Fe roundhouse office here. According to stories told by eyewitnesses, Jones and Clevenger met in the office and engaged in an argument. It is declared that Jones used insulting language to Clevenger, accusing him of causing his discharge from the railway service. Clevenger, it is declared thought Jones had a weapon in his possession or was reaching for his knife. He left the office and returned shortly with a pick handle, with which he struck Jones. The latter fell to the floor and soon afterwards was removed to his home, 1010 Tildren Avenue, after receiving emergency treatment from Dr. Smith.

### Register Evans Here

Register A. J. Evans, of the Fort Sumner land office, was in the city Friday evening en route from Fort Sumner to Elida in his car. He was accompanied by his family and they expected to remain in Elida, where they formerly resided, for a few days visit.

### Catholic Ball

The second annual ball given by the ladies of the Sacred Heart church Tuesday night was an enjoyable affair from start to finish and the proceeds went to church benefits.

### Episcopal Church

(Rev. D. A. Sanford, Pastor)  
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.  
Service at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Subject: "Temperance."  
On Thanksgiving Day, service at 9 a. m.

### Land Office Procedure Change is Announced

An important change in procedure and practice covering contests in the federal land office is announced. Hereafter the statements in the application must be corroborated by the affidavit of at least one witness having personal knowledge of the facts in relation to the contested entry, as if proven would render it subject to cancellation, and these facts must be set forth in the affidavit.

Transferors and incumbents of land, the title to which is contested or is in process of acquisition under any public land, shall upon filing notice of the transfer of incumbency in the land office, become entitled to receive and be given the same notice of any contest or other proceeding thereafter had affecting such land which is required to be given the original entryman or claimant.

Mrs. Henry Barris and little daughters Pauline and Ester returned Sunday night from a six weeks visit to Mrs. Barris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Norman, who reside near Springfield, Mo.

### Carter Case Reversed

The case of the state of New Mexico vs. Wilkie Carter in which Carter was charged with conducting a game of chance and convicted in the District court here, was reversed by the Supreme Court of the state Tuesday and a new trial ordered. Carter was represented by attorney Gillenwater. The state was represented by Assistant Attorney General Bowman.

Mr. Vincent, with the Wichita Lithographing Company, was in the city Monday en route home from a trip to the Guadalupe mountains, where he and his party killed a bear and a deer. He reports seeing a band of mountain sheep.

### Lumber Yards Consolidate

The stock of lumber, fuel, building material, etc., which was last week purchased by Mr. Petty from the Lone Star Lumber Company, is being moved to the Houston Hart Yard. The Lone Star yard on West Grand Avenue will be closed and their entire stock removed to the other yard.

Miss Sarah Eastland, the belle of Bovina, was in the city shopping Friday.